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The epoch of anniversaries and reminiscences has arrived in Japan. Elsewhere we give some account of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Van Horn, who came to our Board on the union with the Cumberland Church. A year or more ago the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Fulton had their silver celebration. Miss Agnes Morgan went out in the same year and has spent twenty-three of her twenty-five years in Wilmina Girls' School, which has been in existence for thirty years; Prof. J. C. Ballagh has given forty years of service, the Rev. Dr. David Thompson, fifty, and his wife,forty; Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Imbrie have served forty years and Mrs. McCauley thirty-eight years, three of which were spent in Siam. The "gift of continuance" is well developed in our Japan force.

The Philippine Islands and Siam are to be the hosts this year of the apostolic visitation, and the apostle who will visit the Church in those countries for inspection, for counsel, for encouragement and for inspiration will be Dr. Robert E. Speer. Dr. Speer expects to sail from London for Siam on May first, and he will be accompanied, like St. Paul, by several "fellow-laborers." Luke, the beloved physician, will be represented by Dr. David Bovaird, Jr., who has for many years given his services to the Board as its medical adviser. Dr. Sailer, the Honorary Educational Secretary, and Treasurer Dwight H. Day, who has been recuperating for a time in England, will join the party, and they expect *en route* to visit Korea, North China and Japan.

Cablegrams from Persia and a communication from the State Department in Washington assure the Board of the safety of our missionaries in that country. The Department states that it is "in receipt of a telegram, dated January seventeenth, from the American Consul at Tabriz, reporting that the Americans are safe and that amnesty has been granted to native Christians upon their surrendering their arms. Also a telegram dated January eighteenth from the American Ambassador at Constantinople, reporting that the Turkish Government and the Persian Ambassador at Constantinople both state that the Turks have not interfered with the governments of Tabriz or Urumia, which still continue in the hands of the Persians. The Turkish Government claims that its object in Persia is not to acquire territory but merely to take the places previously occupied by the Russians, that only about one-fifth of the force which invaded Persia were Turks, and that the conduct of the soldiers has been good and the native population has been in no way molested."

Our Persia Mission appeals to the Red Cross and to its friends to telegraph money for the help of many thousand destitute refugees. Relief funds may be sent to the Treasurer of the Board, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Although the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. G. P. Pierson have changed their post-office address they are still on Hokkaido, the island at the extreme north of Japan. Like Livingstone, they are always pioneers, always "ready to go anywhere so it be forward!" They have been at Otaru, Sapporo and Asahigawa. Now they go to the country station of Nokkeushi in Kitami province, on the northeastern edge of Hokkaido, of which Mrs. Pierson wrote so fascinatingly in the article, *Winter Harvests in the Far North* in Woman's Work, March, 1912. *Apropos*

of Hokkaido, we must quote a clever remark of Mrs. Pierson's about the roads on the island: "Let us draw a veil over them. I am sure nothing else can be drawn over them!"

THE REV. J. J. LUCAS of Allahabad, writing in October, says: "Yesterday evening we had the opening of the Hostel (dormitory) at Katra (a part of Allahabad), for Christian young men students, setting it apart with hope and prayer that many a young man may find here the shelter and spiritual protection which poor Jacob found that first night away from his home. Hence we have called it 'Bethel.' It is a two-story building, costing about two thousand dollars." One of the early donors towards this building was a prominent British official in Allahabad—a great friend of this veteran Presbyterian missionary. Dr. Lucas has seen nearly forty-four years of most active work in India and is soon to return on furlough.

A VALUED correspondent writes that the location of members of the well-known Fitch family of China has changed since the letter from Mrs. Geo. F. Fitch was received on which was based the paragraph about this family in our January number. Mrs. F. J. Tooker is at Siangtan, Hunan, where her sister, Mrs. A. R. Kepler, is also stationed.

THE EDITOR mourned over fine articles received from Korea too late for our February number. We shall give our readers the benefit of these as opportunity offers, and also of a notable collection specially prepared for us by the friends in Guatemala which reached us after November number had been printed, wrapped, addressed and mailed to our subscribers!

PROBABLY rather more than seventy-five thousand persons are members of the Protestant Church in Japan. The nation numbers something over fifty millions. It is "a little leaven" which, according to Scripture, "leavens the whole lump," but the stronger the yeast the more rapidly will the bread become light. Surely the seventy-five thousand need all the help that the Church throughout the world can give them to reach the 49,925,000 who as yet have not heard or have not heeded the preaching of the Word.

Is it not a beautiful thing that a Christian physician, who is noted especially for his skill in healing suffering women, has offered to build a hospital for women at the station in China which is supported by the New York church of which he is an elder?

To Count Johann Heinrich von Bernstorff, German Ambassador, and to Señor Don Juan Riano Cayangos, Spanish Ambassador at Washington, the Assembly's Board forwarded letters of grateful recognition of assistance rendered to the group of missionaries who started from Africa last August, and courteous acknowledgments have been received from both Ambassadors. At that time passage could not be obtained on regular steamers and the Governor of Kamerun sent the missionaries on a small steamer to Fernando Po. He could not pay the postal orders of the mission, on account of the war, but he gave an order on the German Consul at Fernando Po. The German Consul, however, had no money and wired the Governor of Kamerun for instructions. The latter replied by wire to the Spanish Colonial Governor at Fernando Po asking him to advance the money to pay for the missionaries' board during their stay at Fernando Po, and also their passage home. This the Spanish Colonial Governor did, thus making it possible for the missionaries to sail for home.

AT the farewell meeting held for Mrs. McCauley before she left for her furlough one of the head teachers, who is also an officer in the church, said: "We began as young men, have grown gray in work together with Mrs. McCauley and have never had a difference. She seemed always to suggest just what from a Japanese standpoint was suitable. I think she has a Japanese heart."

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SHIMONOSEKI BAIKO JO GAKUIN

Working Together

The New Plant at a New Place

The great event of last year was the closing of the Kojo Jo Gakuin at Yamaguchi and the opening of the Union School at Shimonoseki. Beside this undertaking all other events shrink into insignificance. As the year went on more and more was shown the love of the pupils for our little old school. Leaving was hard for us all. Our desire and prayer was for the new school, but our roots, though perhaps not wide, were deep in Yamaguchi. I was an old resident. There was only one in the church who had been there longer than I. I had been at the school for every one of the seventeen graduating ceremonies. The country around was also dear. The mountain paths, the waterfalls in the corners of the hills were all old friends. It was March thirtieth when we took our leave of the many friends who gathered at the station to see us off.

April tenth the Baiko Jo Gakuin was opened in Shimonoseki. The tourist who encircles the globe either by way of India and China or over the Siberian and through Korea, must pass between the twin cities of Moji and Shimonoseki, at the entrance to the beautiful Inland Sea. Moji faces the north. It is the home of thousands of coal heavers who, men and women, might have been seen tossing baskets of coal over their heads from the barges to the voracious bunkers of the ships of all nations lying at anchor there before the war. On the other side, facing the south, is Shimonoseki, built on twice fourteen hills "and then some." In the narrow valleys the houses are closely crowded, they are dark and often almost touching the steep hillside.

The streets are narrow and crooked. In the summer the air is stifling and near the water front where all kinds of ships' supplies, old and new, are sold, there is always the odor of a musty ship.

The hills are the only desirable places of residence, but where a building spot can be leveled a retaining wall must be built to prevent the land from slipping away in the rainy season. Beautiful masonry is done and it is not unusual to see terraces twenty feet high or more. A vista of gleaming stone wall framed by the green boughs of some gigantic pine tree is one of the characteristic views of Shimonoseki.

At night the two cities with their hundreds of electric lights are pretty as seen from the ships. The higher hills are all strongly fortified, so no photographs can be taken without official permission.

As the traveler steams up the southern Strait he sees directly in front of him an imposing group of buildings, scholastic in appearance and obviously new. They are the habitat of the new Union School for girls, the combination of the school belonging to the Reformed Church, formerly situated in Nagasaki, and the school of the Presbyterian Church, formerly in Yamaguchi.

For a long time we had needed new buildings. Our Yamaguchi plant was entirely inadequate for the work we were trying to do. When our mission opened work in West Japan, Shimonoseki was considered the important place on account of its situation, but it was very unhealthy, cholera was rampant every summer, the water was unwholesome, so for these and other reasons missionaries were located in Yamaguchi, fifty miles away at the "mouth of the mountains." During the years we spent there the railroad was built, steamship lines were opened to Europe, South America and Australia, Korea was adopted and Shimonoseki grew from a fishing village to be the metropolis of Western Japan. A better class of inhabitants had moved in but no religious educational work was being done.

When a portion of the legacy of that prince of givers, John Stewart Kennedy, was assigned to our school it seemed wiser to buy land and build in Shimonoseki than to rebuild in Yamaguchi. It was a trial to go away, but good workers were left there and we went out with high hopes. The union with the Reformed mission enabled us to build larger than we had at first planned.

One of the Christians, a fine business man, acted for us in buying land. It was finally obtained in patches from various individuals and an astonishing amount of perfectly good time was consumed in bargaining. Then came grading and building, but they are past now and I will not harrow sympathetic souls with details.

Surely our friends at home by their prayers upheld our hands. We are established now and stand like "a city set on a hill." The large building on the left is Kennedy Hall. It contains recitation rooms, offices, library and a chapel sufficient for our present needs.

Next is the Domestic Science Building, our joy and pride. Lessons in laundry, cooking, sewing and etiquette are given here. The organ practice rooms are here, and in fact everything "done by hand" is in this building. Japanese think so much of the domestic part of woman's education that this building is probably our chief asset. Next is the dormitory, in pure Japanese style. We have had an average of forty-seven girls in the dormitory this year, but the larger part of our pupils come from home every day.

On the right is the residence of the missionaries; there are two ladies from the Reformed mission, Misses Pieters and Noordhoff, and two from the Presbyterian mission. Their house is large because they are on the highway of round-the-world travel and often entertain, and are happy to entertain, travelers who are interested in mission work. The gymnasium is in the rear and is one terrace higher than Kennedy Hall. We had no gymnasium in Yamaguchi and needed it very much, for this is a land of rain.

Our dedication exercises were held on June fifth, 1914, in the gymnasium, as more people can be seated there than in the chapel. The buildings are all of

wood, plain but substantial. They command a beautiful view of the Strait, facing the south, and seem admirably fitted for the purpose for which they were intended, *i.e.*, to give a practical Christian education to Japanese girls.

Japanese live all over the Orient and we have pupils from Korea and Formosa.

We have a staff of Christian teachers, most of whom have diplomas from the Educational Department, and all the missionary teachers have diplomas from the Japanese Department of Education. One of our teachers is Miss Tsuchi Hironaka, who recently graduated from the Bible Training School in New York.*

There is a weekly Bible class which all the teachers attend, and there is a marked religious interest among the girls. It is interesting to notice how careless, indifferent girls, as they improve in habits of study, take increased interest in the Bible. We feel that God has blessed us in this new enterprise. But after all it is only the place that is new, the work is the same everywhere.

Gertrude S. Bigelow.

ALL of my life in Japan had been spent at Yamaguchi and it was truly home. Our last few weeks there were full ones. Not only must the school be closed but many social matters attended to. All who had any possible claim upon our hospitality, from the highest official in the Education Department to the servants of the school, were dined. In four weeks' time eleven parties were given, numerous farewell meetings attended, examinations held, commencement and alumnæ meetings put through, sixty calls made and many return calls received, and our household goods and the school furniture packed and shipped. There was no resident missionary to help us in any business matter, but it was not necessary. Everyone whom we had to consult or to ask assistance from was most kind and courteous, from railroad officials down to cart-drivers. . . . It was hard to leave, but the new plant in Shimonoseki is very attractive and we truly feel that God is blessing the work here. *Florence J. Bigelow.*

THE strain of overseeing the building of the new school and everything connected with it, added to the work of moving from Yamaguchi and the fact that my husband had no rest during the hot weather, I believe was the cause of his illness, which the doctor called "false typhoid," but which to me seemed too much like the real thing! He was very ill for three weeks, and recovery was a matter of some time.

Our house had to be rebuilt, then a gymnasium, a recitation hall, a science hall, a dormitory and new house for the four missionary ladies who are to teach here. Part of the work was done by contract, but the two houses were under my husband's immediate supervision—and words fail me to tell of what we have gone through during the process! The Bigelow sisters and the two ladies from the Reformed mission will live at the extreme east end, while our house is at the west end of this School-hill. All the buildings can be seen from the Straits and we have a good view of the water and see all the big steamers as they pass through. Only those of the Japanese lines are allowed to stop for passengers.

THE INLAND SEA
Photo. taken by Mrs. John Wallace Young when, as Miss Webster, she visited her sister, Mrs. Corbett, in China.

Being on the direct line from India, China and Korea, we shall have many guests. Already I have had seventy-five guests for meals, and part of them remained over night or several nights,

*See article by and picture of Miss Hironaka in WOMAN'S WORK, March, 1914.

This includes invited as well as uninvited guests, but you can see that it means a good deal of work and expense as well, in fact my work since last fall seems mainly to have consisted in getting ready for entertaining and speeding departing guests.

About twenty-seven pupils come from Nagasaki, those who were in Sturgis Seminary, and with the new ones who will enter we begin with a fair number. Certainly the location is the finest in Japan, the buildings are light and airy, with good rooms—a marked change from those of our poor little Japanese building in Yamaguchi. I am glad for the Bigelow sisters, after so many years of patiently enduring all sorts of inconveniences and discomforts.

We too enjoy living once more in our own home, though it does not look in the least as "home" did in Yamaguchi. One sees only piles of dirt on top of red clay, waiting to be spread out, from which we hope to make grass grow. After waiting four months we have the semblance of walks, though only gravel. At least we shall not be mired in the clay any more. And on the west side a fine retaining wall, that was necessary to keep the property safe, as there is a steep drop to the street below; we climb forty-two steps to get to the level of the house.

(*Mrs. J. B.*) *Marian S. Ayres.*

BEFORE paint or plaster or even the buildings themselves of the school at Shimonoseki, the view out over the Strait attracts one's attention. Far enough away to escape the noise and smoke, the south windows of every building command the fair outlook. . . . Already the classes were at regular work and I looked in on the first cooking lesson in the domestic science department. . . . I also went over the city to obtain some idea of its size and importance. It spreads over and in between the hills in such confusing billows that we almost lost our way home, in spite of the shining landmark the school makes from one part of the city.

(*Miss*) *Julia Leavitt* in *Report of Outlook Committee.*

Thinking Brown

SHE would forbid me to write this, if she knew. Her modesty is one only of many virtues and graces. Nor is it the least one. Probably it is the basis of the others. But if I did not write, I should count myself to have lost all traces of chivalry.

"Thinking Brown" is the title heading, because Dan Crawford has made *Thinking Black* a phrase of honor. To us all, it means the Golden Rule in finest fruitage. It means putting yourself in the other man's place, not in thought merely, but in actual practice. It means living largely as the other man lives, getting his viewpoint, learning his speech and idioms, entering into his sympathies, affections, customs, his personal and community life. It does not mean lowering yourself to the other man's levels, nor giving up principles or ideals.

This is no easy thing to do. But it is what Dan Crawford has done. So has Julia Leavitt. Yes, not even the Miss is needed. Neither of them needs a title, though none deserves one more. If there are any "Ladies" with "Decorations" in heaven, however, Julia Leavitt ought to get one of the biggest and brightest.

We here in Japan are all acquainted with her. But really to know what she is and what she has done you need to go down the western coast of the Kii peninsula in Japan, that dangerous coast where the wild typhoons from the Pacific roar and tear and cause the waves to lash and destroy. It is the grave of many a sail and steam vessel. The rough shore is scarred with the elemental forces of destruction.

In the little town of Tanabe, nestling back in a somewhat sheltered bay, with its twelve thousand inhabitants, Julia Leavitt has poured forth her life in unselfish service; lavished her love on one and all; rescued the fallen, advised the

bewildered, taught the youth, shown the glory of a great spiritual light to searchers after God—and Thought Brown! Nor is any of this phrase-making. It is every word true, and then there is much more to be told.

Sometimes the blue Pacific is as quiet as a sheltered pond. Then it is beautiful in its glorious sun and moonlight as a path to Paradise. But often, on this coast, the waves drive the stoutest craft to shelter. In quietness and roaring storm, Miss Leavitt has gone up and down the coast, with a body slight and frail but a heart as big and brave as a lion's. And is it nothing for one little woman to live all alone for years among a people of another race? That race, too, was not always so courteous and amiable as at present. There were times when black scowls, hissing breath and muttered threats told of burning hate. But she has lived as calmly and fearlessly in all this as if in her own Indiana home. Even more so, for doors were left unlocked, paper or glass windows wide open and everybody has had free access. It would seem almost foolhardy if not sustained by a great faith and a wealth of loving, neighborly acts of kindness for all in the community. Possibly there was a bit of subtle wisdom in thus casting herself unreservedly on the honor, chivalry and innate nobleness found in all races of men, civilized, semi-civilized or barbarous.

She has lived in four places in Japan, all but one of them the hardest, loneliest and most difficult in this part of our mission. She did not stay long in the easy place. The three hard places have not been tackled permanently by anyone else. One has been tried by married couples and soon sent them homeward, broken down. But twenty years of hardness, endured as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, has broken neither body nor spirit of this gentle Hoosier lady.

As a member of a mission committee my duties took me, for the first time in eighteen years of service, to Tanabe. With fear and trembling, recalling the tales of winds, waves, sea-sickness, days at a time shut up in some sheltered bay, or of terrible tramps over endless mountains, I started on my journey around the ill-reputed Kii peninsula. Somebody must have been praying, for the journey was made entirely in safety. The exquisite beauty of shore and bay, mountains green with pine-clad forests or purple and blue in the distance, a coast ragged, brown and gray, wave-swept, made the trip a joy. Taken with the work seen and the opportunities for fellowship and service, it would have been well worth while, even at the expense of one of the terrible storms.

"KING'S DAUGHTERS" AT YAMADA

But of all that I saw nothing was so impressive as the work of Miss Leavitt of Tanabe. Walking with her through the streets on a glorious spring morning, old men with burdens, matrons with babies on their backs, schoolboys and street urchins, blushing girls and sweet little tots, halted, bowed and bowed

with a respect amounting almost to reverence. What kindness, what gentleness, what winsomeness, what Christ-likeness that all spelled to me! It was almost like a parade of triumph, but with a depth and sincerity that compelled full belief in its utter genuineness.

Nor could the mother-heart of this gentle lady be satisfied merely in lavishing its wealth on the town-people and the Biblewomen in her home. She showed me the pictures of a boy she has raised—a boy with a worthless European father, who forsook his Japanese so-called wife with her three Eurasian children, two boys and a girl, those greatly-to-be-pitied, semi-ostracised offspring of man's vice. There were the pictures of the wasted, Hottentot-like form of the baby of two, when the mother was compelled by indigence to abandon him. Then followed pictures with his cheeks filled out a few weeks later, a number of his chubby boyhood, and lastly with his mother, brother and sister as a student of sixteen years, just before Miss Leavitt sent him off for his college education.

She told me much of Paul, as she named him, but nothing so illuminating of herself and the boy's mother as these sentences: "His mother wanted to help in his education a little, his incidental expenses or something of that sort. Do you know I hated to let her do it? I was willing to do it myself, I wanted to. But she was his mother, and she had the right, if anybody did. So I consented." I asked her what the boy thought of his mother. I was not surprised that he was "more loyal to some one else" than to his mother—name unnecessary.

And such courtesy! She "thought brown" so deeply that I could scarcely get her to remember that American gentlemen step aside to allow ladies to go ahead, and "thinking brown" had only added to her native hospitality the self-forgetfulness, self-negation, the delicacy of Bushido politeness brought to perfection through the law of Christ.

Truly few of the world's heroes are named in the Hall of Fame, and almost none of the heroines. Many men and women are doing heroic service totally unconscious of its quality. The world knows them not, appreciates them not. But the greatest hero of the ages, Jesus the Nazarene, knows, records and remembers. The joy of heaven will be full and complete when some quiet, unknown worker of those thinking brown or black or yellow is rewarded openly before us all.

(*Rev.*) *Harvey Brokaw.*

A Quarter of a Century

ONE of the pleasant experiences of the past year has been the sensible, practical way in which our Japanese co-workers have celebrated our twenty-five years of work in Japan. The six evangelists met at each station and held a series of evangelistic services, which they called *kinen dendo* (memorial evangelistic services). We were glad that they understood us well enough to know that we would appreciate such recognition more than anything else they could do. During each series there was one praise service at which they thanked the Lord for sending us and thanked us for coming. We are glad to know that the meetings resulted in much good to the work. One of the evangelists told me that the attendance at his services had more than doubled since the meeting and the Christians were much revived. The series began in Osaka on October twenty-fifth, the day of our arrival there twenty-five years ago.

One station had meetings each month, until the round of the six stations was made. Then they all came together again in Osaka for a final social meeting of the usual order. At this time we were told many interesting things about ourselves and our work which we appreciated, since it gave us a chance to see ourselves as others have seen us. Friends from other points, both foreign and Japanese, were present; letters and telegrams from others reminded us that our

friends elsewhere were thinking of us at the same time. Several presents which we treasure were received. Some were typical, some useful, and one especially unique. It was a vase designed by the workers and Christians at Itami. It was appropriately decorated, our names and the date of the celebration in English, the names of the Japanese workers and Christians, with the date in Japanese, being a part of the decorations. Our Osaka station also honored us with a very elaborate dinner at the November station meeting, at which time some very kind references were made to our twenty-five years' service. So we take courage and begin a new campaign, wondering how long the Lord will find use for us and willing to abide His time.

REV. AND MRS. G. W. VAN HORN IN THEIR OWN PARLOR WITH THEIR BIBLEWOMEN AND EVANGELISTS. Sent by Mrs. W. H. Greene.

One peculiar condition obtains in the Ajikawa church just now. The wives of four of the most active and prominent men are not Christians, hence do not attend the services and do not send their children to Sunday-school. We are doing all we can to interest them; one seems to be yielding, one is quite hostile, the others show no signs of interest. I have done the usual Sabbath observance work this year and hope in time it will bring forth fruit in better church attendance. I got out a little decorated tract, *Kami no Mi Kotoba*, for Christmas use which was quite well received. Six thousand copies were disposed of in one week. I gave twenty-five to each member of our mission and sent samples to members of other missions, who ordered liberally till all were gone.

(Mrs. G. W.) F. M. D. Van Horn.

OSAKA.

On the playground in one of the school yards is a beautiful wistaria, covering a large arbor under which the children play. That wistaria was a little plant presented by Miss Youngman to Mrs. Thompson on the occasion of her marriage. The next day it was planted in the school yard and carefully tended. It has grown into this wonderful bower of loveliness. Miss Youngman has passed into the beyond. The fiftieth anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Thompson's coming to Japan has been celebrated and this wistaria, once so frail and so small that it might be crushed by a little child, lives on to bless the thousands who have passed under its fragrant shadow. Is it not symbolic? Is it not prophetic? When I look back over the past few weeks and call to mind the many workers sowing seed, planting truths, caring for the frail growths in human hearts, I realize that all the work is one. I realize that no one can say, "This is my work. This I have done." On the other hand no one who has watered even one drooping plant can say, "My life has been worthless." I recall the words of Christ, "The works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father." I thank God that frail men and women working together in Christ's name are doing these "greater works" today.

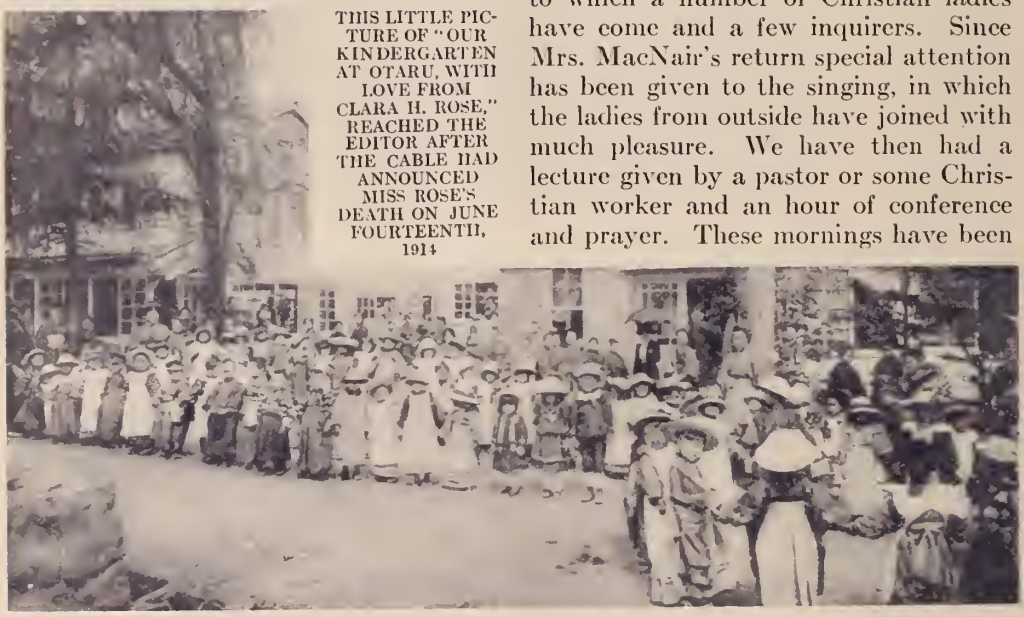
Rev. W. T. Johnson in *Report of Japan Mission.*

You will be interested to learn how the Korean Church is facing the war question. Last Wednesday evening a layman from Pyeng Yang was asked to address the people and he gave an interesting account of the prophecies of Daniel in relation to the wars and world conditions preceding the advent of Christ. The Koreans believe that Jesus is soon coming and therefore they are looking up, "for their redemption draweth nigh." It will be a hard year, for aside from the war with its trade restrictions, the price of rice and other products has gone down so that the farmers are unable to sell at a profit. All the drugs have gone up so high that we are facing a hard problem in the Chai Ryung hospital.

(Dr.) H. C. Whiting.

Miss West's Bible School

IT is not our desire to have a large Bible School, but rather to prepare a few women in a special way for direct and persistent Christian life and work. We are therefore glad to have our usual number of twelve students. Of these, one graduated in October. During her time of study she had had the advantage of being associated with one of our best woman evangelists, but we had planned to keep her with us through the winter for additional experience in a more independent way. However, Miss Porter's



THIS LITTLE PICTURE OF "OUR KINDERGARTEN AT OTARU, WITH LOVE FROM CLARA H. ROSE," REACHED THE EDITOR AFTER THE CABLE HAD ANNOUNCED MISS ROSE'S DEATH ON JUNE FOURTEENTH, 1914

helper, a graduate of the previous year, was unexpectedly married and to meet this emergency we immediately sent our latest graduate. This a month before Christmas meant some self-denial, but it resulted in a volunteer organist for the Sunday-school and eventually in a new student for the Bible School.

Two of the original members of the class graduating in 1913 could not complete the course of study. One was married to an evangelist and though she has a little child, is now doing excellent work with her husband. The other felt that she could best do direct Christian work as a nurse. We regret that these young ladies could not remain until graduation, but we are glad that they are in Tokyo and in close touch with the school and its influence, and we are confident that they have received an inspiration for life which they will never lose.

While pursuing the regular course of study we have made a constant effort to train the students in quick and careful observation of actual conditions, that is to learn to know people as well as books and to give a sympathetic response to all opportunities for service. We have continued our Thursday morning meetings, to which a number of Christian ladies have come and a few inquirers. Since Mrs. MacNair's return special attention has been given to the singing, in which the ladies from outside have joined with much pleasure. We have then had a lecture given by a pastor or some Christian worker and an hour of conference and prayer. These mornings have been a time of great spiritual blessing to all. Several of the ladies who attended these meetings have removed from Tokyo and are now holding meetings at their own homes for their personal friends and neighbors. Others who live in Tokyo have similar meetings in which our women assist. The students have carried on or helped in Sunday-schools and regularly attended eight monthly meetings for women.

During the special evangelistic meetings at the Taisho Exhibition the committee called upon our students for assistance. For a week at a time they played the organ at the meetings, held daily for forty-minute periods from ten

in the morning till ten at night. They also helped in tract distribution and each day stood for many hours outside the preaching hall urging the people to go in to hear the Gospel.

Another student who has lately married sends us good reports of meetings in her own home and of work for the factory girls in her husband's hat factory. He has himself begun to attend church services with her, so we feel that what was done for her while with us was not in vain. There is a tradition that there are no holidays in the Bible School. In accordance with that the so-called "summer vacation" will be spent in a change from routine study and work to work and study, either in Tokyo or in country stations.

TOKYO. (*Miss*) *Annie B. West.*

Glimpses of the Schoolgirls

IT has seemed to me like coming to a new country to be in Kanazawa after my life in Hokkaido. Perhaps I can best describe the difference by saying that the Hokkaido is like the West in America and this southern part of Japan more like certain parts of the conservative East. They still cling to the old, old customs and I feel as if I had gotten acquainted with the real Japan this year. . . . I have tried to follow in Miss Gibbons's steps but she took such long strides and covered so much ground that I simply couldn't keep up! We have thirty music pupils enrolled and just now we are very unpopular with the rest of the school on account of the open windows. Sometimes four organs and one piano are all going at the same time. There are four singing classes which include all the girls. They especially enjoy the glee club. There has been a dearth of church players in this vicinity so we have been working especially hard lately trying to put confidence into the girls and making them play for the home services.

KANAZAWA. (*Miss*) *Elizabeth M. Evans.*

SIX of our last year's graduates continue to come for special study and several have gone into kindergarten work. . . . The teaching staff is excellent. Six of the eight Japanese teachers are earnest Christians. One was baptized on Easter Sunday. It was a very impressive service. A few weeks afterwards she lost her baby girl. She remarked to us during the trial, "How good God was not to take my baby before I knew how to seek and find comfort and peace in the midst of sorrow." She is rapidly growing into an earnest follower of the Master.

KANAZAWA. (*Miss*) *Ida R. Luther.*

AT WILMINA GIRLS' SCHOOL the year's work was unusually disturbed by sickness among teachers. We had cases of typhoid though we were thankful that they did not come from any cause in the school. . . . A large proportion of our teachers being married women, we are often inconvenienced on account of their absence on account of sick children. We find they do not give full thought to their school work because of family affairs. It is becoming quite a serious problem.

We find the pull of the world on the girls harder to overcome than formerly, they are more difficult to reach spiritually than they were. Of our twenty-seven graduates only fifteen were baptized. . . . The increased number of public and private schools works against us. Only our own and the English school give any Christian education. Days of easy sailing and popularity are not yet here. Perhaps when they come we shall no longer be needed. But Christian schools still seem to be almost the only religious influence for girls in this land. (*Miss*) *Agnes Morgan.*

OSAKA.

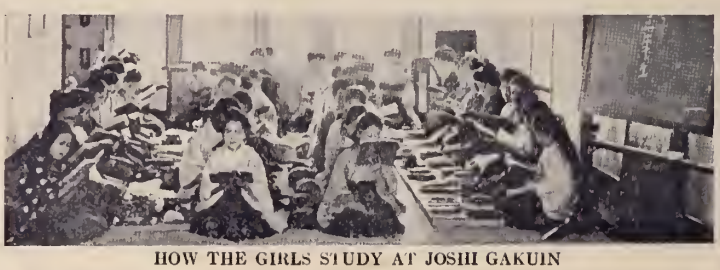
AT JOSHI GAKUIN twelve girls received diplomas at the close of the school year, having completed the full course in Japanese and English. All but two entered at once upon some form of

NEW BUILDINGS ERECTED BY THE NEW YORK BOARD FOR NORTHERN STAR SCHOOL AT SAPPORO
Dormitory in the center; on the left, school building.

Christian work. One of the two is to have a course at Mt. Holyoke College through the kindness of an old friend of her parents. Our total enrolment has been 241 and we have had fourteen baptisms. Mrs. Yajima is now Principal Emeritus and under the wise leadership of Miss Halsey, the Acting Principal, things have moved on in the usual way. . . . Professor Kusahashi, a man of considerable note in the Japanese educational world, has taken charge of the classes in pedagogy. He has shown much interest in them and awakened corresponding interest among the students. . . . Miss Mitani has given ten days to a trip to Moji, where an effort is being made on a large scale to reach all classes of the community. Miss Mitani gave twelve addresses to as many different kinds of people, including teachers and pupils from both mission and Government schools. Next week we are to have a meeting at Joshi Gakuin, arranged by the Central Committee. We hope thus to come into touch with the swing of the whole great national movement.

TOKYO. (*Miss*) *E. P. Milliken.*

MISS ISABELLE WARD of Tokyo is in charge of two primary schools and two kindergartens, visits the Government Leper Hospital and the Leper Home, distributes thousands of tracts, holds a weekly Sunday-school teachers' training class, a weekly kindergarten teachers' training class, has meetings for the mothers of the kindergarten children, to which many fathers also come, and holds a few other ropes formerly held by Mrs. McCauley, who is now on furlough.



HOW THE GIRLS STUDY AT JOSHI GAKUIN

HERE is a little story which shows how important the girls in the art history class think the missionary is. In lecturing about the pyramids of Egypt, this quotation (in English), was given: "It is one of the marvels of the modern world how the pyramids of Egypt could have been built without the modern machinery." In every note-book was written: "It is one of the marvels of the modern world how the pyramids of Egypt could have been built without the modern missionary."

THE "CHRISTIAN LITERATURE SOCIETY," organized by the Conference of Federated Missions in Japan, has published two million pages of good literature—a *Life of Judson;* a *Life of St. Paul: History of the Christian Church,* a neat catalogue of 1,950 Christian books published in the Japanese language, and a *Statement of Faith,* approved by 700 missionaries. *Mrs. J. B. Ballagh.*

TOKYO.

CHANGES IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE

Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Neal of Africa are at Dallas, Oregon.

ARRIVALS:

At New York, Jan. 3.—Miss Jessie Scott, from Colombia.
At New York, Jan. 3.—Miss Bessie M. Lawton, from N. India. Address, R. F. D. 2, Shelocta, Pa.
—— ——, Jan. 17.—Rev. Robert F. Fitch, from Central China.
—— ——, Jan. 21.—Mr. R. P. Montgomery, from Central China. Address, Douglas, Ill.

DEPARTURES:

From New Orleans, Jan. 7.—Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Sullenberger, returning to Guatemala.
From New York, Jan. 9.—Rev. and Mrs. H. J. McCall, returning to Brazil.
From San Francisco, Jan. 9.—Miss Margo L. Lewis, returning to Korea.
From San Francisco, Jan. 9.—Miss Katherine C. Wambold, returning to Korea.
From San Francisco, Jan. 9.—Rev. and Mrs. F. S. Miller, returning to Korea.
From New York, Jan. 16.—Rev. Horace K. Wright, to join the W. India Mission.
From San Francisco, Jan. 30.—Miss Harriet Noyes, returning to S. China.
From San Francisco, Jan. 30.—Miss E. M. Butler, returning to S. China.
From New York, Jan. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Higginbottom and family, returning to N. India.
From New York, Jan. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Griffin, to join the N. India Mission.

MARRIAGE:

At Chefoo, China, Dec. 1.—Miss Louise Corbett and Dr. Leroy F. Heimburger of the Shantung Mission.

RESIGNATIONS:

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Lamb of the Philippine Mission. Appointed 1904.
Miss Helen Forsyth of the Korea Mission. Appointed 1911.

DEATHS:

At Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Dwight M. Donaldson, under appointment to the Persia Mission.
At Bellwood, Pa., January 31.—Miss Jessie Scott of the Colombia Mission. Appointed 1896

Two cottages at Ventnor, N. J., are offered for occupation by missionaries, rent free. Information concerning them may be obtained from Mrs. Thomas Richards, Merion, Pa.

[As our missionaries at home on furlough frequently go from one place to another we often receive requests to change the home address which has been printed. We desire to make this department of as much practical utility as possible to the missionaries and their friends and are glad to give notice of these changes as soon as possible after they are received.—EDITOR.]

With the Littlest Ones

WE have three kindergartens, one in Kanazawa, one in Takaoka and one in Toyama. The one in Kanazawa has about one hundred children. Takaoka is a city about an hour-and-a-half journey by train from Kanazawa. It has been a hard place in which to do any work, but our kindergarten, which was opened in February, 1913, has now over fifty pupils and these come from the best homes in the city. So far we have not been able to do any evangelistic work in connection with the kindergarten, but now I hope to visit in the homes of our children and to open a mothers' meeting.

Toyama is a half-hour's ride north of Takaoka. It is a city of 65,000 inhabitants and our work has been established there for many years. Our kindergarten was opened about six years ago but has never been quite as successful as we would like to see it, the teacher in charge has not been altogether satisfactory, it has been too far away and we have been too busy to superintend it as we should. Now I expect to spend one day every week there, will be able to know conditions better and to visit and have meetings for the mothers.

With eleven kindergarten teachers under me and with about 180 pupils in whose homes I can visit and with mothers' meetings I find plenty to do. Besides there are calls in other directions for woman's work and I am still to teach seven periods a week in the school, have charge of two Sunday-schools and be treasurer of the station.

I want to tell of my head Japanese teacher. She was in charge of our Kanazawa kindergarten for four years. I have worked with her all that time till I went home. She promised me that she would do her best for the kindergartens while I was gone and she certainly did. When I got back I found that she had worked hard all the year, then leaving another teacher in charge

here, she went to take charge in Takaoka because the teacher there had failed and Miss Luther was going to close the kindergarten till some teacher could be found who could do the work satisfactorily. My teacher volunteered to go and Miss Luther said she could not ask it of her. But she pleaded that she thought she could bring order out of the chaos, that it would be so bad for the kindergarten to be closed, it would bring reproach on Christianity and so hinder the work in Takaoka. Miss Luther knew she was right so let her go and you cannot imagine the change she has made in two months. The children were disorderly, noisy and disobedient. Now they are well-behaved, happy and content and the teacher told me the evangelist and his wife loved her "like their own child." It certainly looked as if that were true. Isn't it worth while educating girls when they can grow up to do things like that? She always calls herself my "child" and I certainly am proud of her when I think of all she sacrificed in leaving her home and friends here to go into such a hard place with so many discomforts, and then think of what a success she has made of it.

IN THE SNOW AT SAPPORO
Sent by Mrs. S. C. Smith.

I am very glad too to have her there to help me open the work for the mothers. It needs so much tact and wisdom to reach these ladies. She has been with me so much in the work in our Kanazawa kindergarten she will know just how to go about it. It is such a help to have teachers who are entirely in sympathy with the evangelistic side of our work. All our teachers are earnest Christians and are ready to help in every way they can. This has not always been true but we have got them all thoroughly convinced now that, though the work for the little ones is important, the work for the mothers is just as much so. They are apt to get so taken up with the children they can not see the importance of the other work which ought to go along with it.

Kanazawa. *Janet M. Johnstone.*

"*The notional debt of Japon is a little over $1,246,000,000; $218,000,000 more than that of the United Stotes. . . . It is a morvelous Eiffel Tower of official computation which mokes the toxotion system of Japon. . . . All whose yearly income is more thon $50,000 are taxed 22 per cent., a poor wretch who corns $500 a yeor is taxed 2.5 per cent. of it. That is on income. On land he is taxed 5.5 per cent. . . . He pays sucession tax, liquor, sugor, oil and patent medicine toxes. . . . Textiles, troveling, tobacco, solt, comphor, each hos its tox. . . . It is soid that a Jopanese millionaire poys something like 68 per cent. of his income and earnings to the Government. . . . while the farmer who supports a fomily of from five to ten on one ond two-third acres is taxed about 27 per cent. of what he gets.*"—*Adachi Kinnosuke* in *The Century.*

A year in our new field has passed very quietly with nothing to attract the attention of the rest of the world to us except a visit from a thief, which brought us into prominence for a short time. This served as a good introduction to the surrounding country, as the police published my whole history in the papers, telling who I was, what I had come to Japan for and what a good religion Christianity is with its wonderful power over the hearts of sinners. After that nice introduction, women I did not know would stop me on the street to thank me for teaching their children in the Sunday-school. (*Miss*) *F. E. Porter.*
Kyoto.

One lady has come every morning for months for Bible lessons and her husband is so grateful for her improved temper that he has offered his services as an expert engineer in selecting, ordering and installing the new force pumps in the mission house. (*Miss*) *Jessie Riker.*
Yamada.

Three Counties Set on Fire by a Widow

It started up in the north of Korea at Wiju. A foreigner had come to town with his bride. The people had never seen a woman from the West. Great excitement spread throughout the whole city, particularly among the women. As others came to market from other towns they heard the news of the advent to town of the foreigners.

A widow from Chulsan County heard the news that an American lady was outside the west gate. This widow, Mrs. Lew, went to attend the meeting conducted by this American lady, one of our valued Presbyterian missionaries. She stayed a second day, went to other meetings and learned a hymn, "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus." She took the thought that had seized her, namely: If you do right as you know the right, and keep the Lord's Day, praying to God through the name of Jesus, you will please God and go to Heaven.

Mrs. Lew bought a hymn-book, which at that time contained but a few hymns. With a few tracts she went back to the county seat of Chulsan, where she lived. It took her some days to get home. Immediately upon her arrival she began to tell others what she had heard. She made her living by keeping an inn where also she sold *sool*, the whiskey of the Koreans. She did not give up her business, but always insisted that men should not get drunk.

Two other widows in the town became interested in what Mrs. Lew told them about God and Heaven. These three widows met regularly, singing "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus," praying and reading tracts with the help of some men who knew how to read. One man, by name Chang, became interested in what Mrs. Lew told him. He was the bully of the town, a great drinker, and when he got drunk everybody feared him. He was in disgrace because of his abuse of his parents when drunk. Mrs. Lew urged this young Chang to give up drinking and to please God by trying to do good. One other man, Mr. Pyun, became interested also. These five met once a week for singing, praying and reading the tracts.

News came that a Mr. Yang, who was one of the appointed Korean evangelists under this new religion, was on his way up through the northern province. These five were greatly delighted at the prospect of getting more light on the subject of the new religion that they were trying to follow and in which they were finding peace. They sent Mr. Chang to find this evangelist. Chang's whole life had changed. He had altogether quit drinking and had learned to pray devoutly to the Father from whom he had received help. He walked over forty miles into a far-out county where he met Evangelist Yang.

"Come to Chulsan with me," said Chang. "We have some men and women meeting there who want to know more about this new Jesus doctrine." Yang consented. They arrived Saturday at the home of Mrs. Lew, where they met week after week for worship. The evangelist expressed surprise at finding that they had this saloon for their church. When told that Mrs. Lew was in charge of this saloon, he said to her: "My dear sister, do you think that God is pleased with any one who sells this vile stuff that makes men lose their reason?"

She replied: "Oh, I never let them get drunk here!"

"But," said Mr. Yang, "when they put this into their stomachs it affects their reason and can they please God by thus destroying their bodies?"

After Mrs. Lew and the others had prayed over the matter and discussed it thoroughly, she went out to her storeroom, carried forth the large jars and poured them into the street. The whole town heard of this and gathered about to see what Mrs. Lew was doing. She stood up and told them all that she was doing it because she felt that she was pleasing God.

Evangelist Yang told them that the following day was the Lord's Day. He announced to the people gathered about

at the destruction of the liquor that on the following day, from morning until evening, they would worship God in this house because it was God's holy day. Mrs. Lew and the others were looking at each other as he made this announcement. Then they said to him, "We met yesterday and that is the day that we have kept for over two years, thinking that it was the Lord's Day."

That church grew rapidly. The Word spread abroad until now there are over thirty churches in that one county. Some of these early Christians moved from this county to Syen Chun and are preaching Jesus and living Him daily, so that in Syen Chun we now have a mission station with a hospital and schools.

That young man who was the bully of the town, Mr. Chang, is now installed pastor of that original church in Chulsan, which numbers over five hundred members. This church changed its quarters from Mrs. Lew's home to a little building that the Korean Christians built with their own money. Then they outgrew that building and they had to buy another and still a third, so that some time ago they were compelled to build a still larger building. They desired to make God's house better than all the other houses in the county seat. I was asked to meet with them one Sunday when they were planning to raise the money for the new building. One of the trustees said it could not be done, others were dubious. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Chang, said, with the majority, "Yes, we believe that God can do it." The morning sermon was preached on that subject. The people all went to their homes and thought about it. In the afternoon we came together and brought our offerings.

It was during this offering that old Mrs. Lew, the founder of the church, gave her offering. She had decided the night before what she was going to give. Being a very poor woman she could give nothing but some thread that she had made, which she had expected to sell. I suppose this, sold, would not amount to more than eighteen cents. As she sat there with her beautiful hatchet-head on her breast, the ornament so much beloved and which she always wore on Sundays and on special occasions now that she was a Christian, it seemed to burn into her breast. I watched her as she stood up, unpinned the silver ornament from her waist and put it into the collection plate.

The hatchet-head is supposed to have a peculiar charm to it. On it is special carving, every line and seam has some special meaning. The charm is that the one who wears it can have no harm come upon her while it is on her or in her possession. This particular one was made under the direction of a special soothsayer some fifty years ago. It was among the presents given by the groom to his bride.

It was to be sold for the silver that was in it as no one would value the gift at its real worth. I gave them ten dollars for it and this was the largest offering that was made that day.

(Rev. Dr.) Geo. S. McCune.

Chosen, Japan.

WITHOUT CEASING

A loving mother in Japan
  Is faithful to her creed;
Her only son has gone to war
  To meet his country's need:
She bows before an idol's shrine
  And moves her lips to pray,
Then throws a pebble—keeping count,
  A hundred prayers a day!

They think, dear Lord, they shall be heard
  For their much speaking, so;
But we, in time of great distress,
  About our tasks must go;
Yet, pond'ring dreadful news of war,
  Our hearts, not lips, shall pray,
"Protect Thy work, protect Thy saints!"
  Oh, hear us, day by day!

Anna Stevens Reed.

With Presbyterian Young People

EASY-TO-SEND DOLLS

[All small children love a comfortable, unbreakable rag doll and these can be bought in natural and attractive form in some of the shops and women's exchanges. But they are expensive and some of those who work with Bands and Sewing Guilds may be glad to hear how one woman studied out a plan of making them herself—with the help of a Butterick pattern.—EDITOR.]

PATTY began it. She is "Patricia, the pattern-doll"—only a rag, poor thing! She drifted into my hands some years ago with some patterns for doll dresses. Just an advertisement, you see, and I never could get another, so I had to try to mend her up, and keep her face clean, and make her last as long as possible, so that all the small nieces and tiny visitors to "the manse" could enjoy her. She is such a cheerful-looking thing that even the "grown-ups" look around and ask, "Where's Patty?"

PATTY AND THEODORE BELOW.

ABOVE, THE SAME WITH SOME OF THEIR COMPANIONS

One day a four-year-old niece said: "Aunt Ease, you could make ME a doll like that, I *know* you could." This remark crystallized the desire to try to do it, because I knew very well that my own dear missionary, with her school in Persia of seventy-five children, would hail a rag-doll with delight. Occasionally she has taken dolls back with her from this country, but their "rubber nerves" soon wear out, and nobody likes a broken doll. Besides, she never could get *enough* dolls of any kind.

So I managed to make this thin-armed, large-footed boy which my niece called "Theodore." After getting the pattern into better shape, I sent *patterns* and one made doll, unstuffed, to my friend in Persia. The twins in the right of the picture a friend bought to help furnish funds for the work. An artist friend painted the two (large girl and small boy), which you see, flat, in the center of the picture. They, too, will go unstuffed to the Persia school.

Water-color may be used for the blue in the eyes, the pink lips and a line to show the chin; the original Theodore was done in colored inks. Black indelible ink is nicest for the heads. The large dolls are stuffed with cotton batting or wadding, which must be stuffed in very, very tight, and see that your sewing is strong, or the stitches will crack! The fingers are indicated by sewing through the stuffing and drawing the stitches tight. The tiny dolls have no feet sewed on, they just end in round curves and the painted or inked shoes look very well. Paint or ink their fingers, also. The beginner finds it hard to get the nose and mouth straight, so it is better to draw the face on paper, then cut holes for eyes, nose and mouth, and around chin and hair lines. Place this on the doll and use a pencil to draw where you are going to put the features. The device looks like a mask and is very helpful.

"Aunt Ease."

WAYNE, Pa.

EVERY boy and girl in the homes of America should read *Everyland* each quarter. It is published in December, March, June and September, and contains sixty-four pages of pictures and stories from every land. The subscription price is fifty cents a year in the United States, sixty cents in Canada, and seventy cents in foreign countries. The aim of the magazine is to create a basis of respect and a desire to serve the peoples of all nations. Its greatest value is shown when it is in the hands of the boys and girls themselves—they consider it their own magazine.

Send *Everyland* as a birthday present to the boys and girls, using the special birthday card which will be supplied on request. The office of the magazine is now at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

GUATEMALA

Mrs. W. B. Allison writes: I wish you could have been with us at the public examination of our Girls' Boarding School last week. A specially picked committee was sent by the Government to examine the girls and they were perfectly carried away with everything about the school. Every girl was passed with credit and a number with honorable mention. Last Sunday was the annual educational *fiesta*, or *Fiesta de Minerva*, as it is called. All the school children and young people of Guatemala City marched up the main street over a thick carpet of pine needles, keeping time to lively Spanish music by a number of very good bands. Eleven years ago I saw by the eyes of faith our girls taking their places in this march. Last Sunday I stood with many of our church members and congregation and waved to our school of bright, earnest-faced girls and teachers as they marched by. I felt fully rewarded for my waiting upon the Lord for the fulfilment of His promise.

My faith is stronger than ever now to ask for and expect to see our boys' school and training school for Bible workers and pastors. I wish I could tell you what a joy it is to be back at my work again. I am just counting the days until I can get out into the homes and get close to the hearts and problems of my dear Guatemala sisters. My own faith and patience are always strengthened as I see what they bear and suffer for Jesus' sake.

INDIA

Mrs. R. C. Smith writes from Fatehpur: We wonder if the Mohammedans of Turkey will succeed in stirring up the Mohammedans of India. So far we think not. Anyway our Heavenly Father is able to care for us here as anywhere and we can trust Him implicitly. I have faith in our Christians and feel sure they will stand firm through any trials. This war seems so terrible and so uncalled for, it is very hard to understand, but somehow God will turn it to His glory.

The children grew rosy and strong during our summer in the Hills and little Barbara came down the picture of health in place of the white, thin little baby who went up. Our new pastor and his family are settling nicely into their work here. The pastor's wife was a schoolgirl in Rakha School the year we had charge there twelve years ago, and her mother was our *ayah* when Anna was a baby, so I feel that they are both very real friends. Two of the pastor's little girls come to the class I have every morning for the little children in the school and on the compound. There are seventeen boys in our little boarding school now and seven day pupils. Most of them are doing very nicely in their class work and are happy, healthy little boys I have started again the little Sunday-school class for English children in the station.

CHINA

Miss Mary Lattimore writes from Soochow: Of our own special acquisition, Dr. Humphreys, I can only say that the longer we know her the more we love her and that is speaking for the Chinese too. She is one bit of sunshine and cheerful unselfishness from morning until night. She asks no favors and needs little help in taking care of herself. She has worked faithfully at her studies and yet had time to give Dr. Anderson many a bit of help. It is going to be a hard year for her now, as she must take all of the medical work alone. We are trying to find a good interpreter for her and that will be what she will most need.

There is another member of our family that you may or may not be interested in. Dr. Anderson and I decided that Dr. Humphreys ought to have a dog, since she has had one "ever since she was born." So Captain MacKinnon was good enough to get and bring from Peking a little spaniel, which small dog has been Dr. Humphreys's devoted slave from the first day he saw her. We all like him and he is the little "friend of all the world," as far as our compound goes. He visits the wards and even cuddles down on a child's cot once in a while, much to this small occupant's joy. His name means "Come Happiness," so when you call him you are calling happiness to you, which the Chinese think is a joke.

SYRIA

Miss Ottora M. Horne writes from Beirut: People come to us daily with pitiful stories of want and hunger. To-day there have been applications from three for places as servants, and as many more have come for food. I dread to face the winter, for how are we to help all the poor and starving who are sure to come to us? One man, an accomplished linguist in French and Italian, could find nothing to do, and was glad to pump the water out of our cistern at thirty-five cents a day. We could have a hundred servants. Many women who have never worked away from home are begging for work. They bring all sorts of things to sell that they may buy food. Supplies of all kinds are high in price—flour, sugar, rice—indeed we can hardly get rice, our staple food, at any price. But we are so glad to be here, so thankful we have not been ordered home as our British sister missionaries were.

The following items come from Beirut:

We are the only mission that has not closed the doors of some church or school. Our responsibilities are vastly greater now than ever before since the entire forces, aggregating more than 160 English and Irish missionaries from not less than fourteen denominations, have entirely closed their work and left the country. . . . Probably the feature of our work most affected is the Press. We have a large force of men whose services are extremely valuable because they have been trained for this particular work through years of experience. There is no demand for the literature which has made their labor necessary. The Press is not able to keep these men, yet to lose them means the serious crippling of our Press work for many years to come. . . . Many families are on the verge of starvation, husbands and sons drafted into the army, no work, no food. Many will die in a few weeks from starvation.

HOME DEPARTMENT

UNITED STUDY OF MISSIONS

The Child in the Midst: CHAPTER VII: THE MOTHER AND THE CHRIST-CHILD.

MOTHERS IN COUNCIL

Mass meeting of mothers, suggested for Christmas week but equally appropriate for the spring season, a gathering expressly for the purpose of praying and planning for the children of the world.

Use Bible reading suggested, containing references to Mary, the Mother of Christ.

Give ten points of contrast between mothers in heathen homes and in our own land.

Describe some of the various superstitions and cruel customs connected with motherhood in non-Christian countries.

Show changes made in these very places by Christian preaching and teaching.

The missionary doctor, tell how she helps the heathen mother, physically and spiritually.

The Christian Home, "a light shining in a dark place;" how have our missionaries used their homes as an uplifting influence?

Sunday-schools, their effect on mothers and children; plan of the international Sunday-school Union for the use of waste materials.

Recitation: *Motherhood,* poem quoted in text-book.

Specific prayer for mothers of the world.

Specific prayer for children of the world.

Much valuable material and suggestion may be found in *How to Use* the text-book, price ten cents. It is full of practical description of programmes, meetings, classes, lectures, charts, blackboard pictures, etc.

TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF WOMEN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

SURELY the Women's Boards are reaping great results from the inspiration of the large plans of Interdenominational Conferences. The "spell" was upon us as we met in the Marble Collegiate Church in New York, January 15th and 16th, and we were swept by the fascination of world missions into deeper spiritual consecration.

The presiding officer for the whole Conference, Miss Margaret E. Hodge, President of the Philadelphia Board, always had her hand on the throttle, carrying the women quickly through discussions of lesser importance and giving added stress to vital points, recognizing and often calling the women by name the moment they rose to their feet.

All present seemed to rally around our two great leaders, Mrs. Henry W. Peabody and Mrs. Helen B. Montgomery, but our Presbyterian women added their full share to the thought and inspiration of the Conference. Mrs. Noble C. King, mission study secretary for the Board of the Northwest, ably opened the discussion on the "Relation of Federation to Triennial Conference."

Many took part in the discussion on the *Federation Bulletin,* opened by Miss Clementina Butler, and it was the general opinion that the women want the *Bulletin* to bring its information four times a year at the price for which it now comes twice a year, even if this should mean the omission of its attractive cover.

The discussion on the Territorial Commissions, opened by Mrs. Daniels, brought out the fact that the subjects considered by the Commissions are the larger questions of interdenominational work and relations between the Boards and the home church.

Mrs. Peabody's report of Central Committee on United Study was comprehensive and we are glad to know that it will be printed in the form of a leaflet which may be secured from the Women's Boards.

Miss Mendenhall presented *Everyland* in her usual charming way, and all Y. P. secretaries would have been interested, as she brought out the fact that the whole missionary enterprise would be assured if we could reach the children now.

We were drawn close to the Master through the beautiful devotional service conducted by Mrs. McDowell, and thus prepared for the address by the Rev. Dr. Charles R. Watson, which came like a benediction to the whole Conference. He said that when the Edinburgh Conference drew to a close there were two reasons why it was impossible to disband—the importance of the investigations which had been carried on for two years and which must be kept up and the ties of spiritual brotherhood. Dr. Watson asked the women to pray for the Continuation Committee during the stress of this great war, as there are earnest members of that international group in each of the contending nations.

PHILADELPHIA. (*Mrs. Edgar D.*) *Elizabeth G. Faries.*

CHEER UP, SECRETARIES!

OUR old friend Jeremy Taylor hit the nail on the head when he said, "It is usually not so much the greatness of our trouble as the littleness of our spirit which makes us complain." If we will not accept defeat, but rather look upon it as an instalment of success, we shall not be defeated. This suggestion is intended especially for secretaries of literature who have not kept up their average number of subscriptions to *Over Sea and Land.* Keep right on at work, with a smile and a refusal to be defeated, and the very obstacles which seemed to stand in your way will themselves be turned into instruments for your success. Write for help and instructions if you like—or write about your difficulties. The editor will be glad to help you through them. Advice and samples free at Room 1114, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

THE WOMAN'S CONGRESS OF MISSIONS

WHERE—will it be? In San Francisco.

WHEN—does it take place? June 6–13, 1915.

WHO—is in charge? The Council of Women for Home Missions, the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, a large California Committee.

WHAT—is the programme? Inspirational addresses, Institute of methods, Conferences, Pageants, Study-classes, Exhibit of literature.

WILL—you pray? At your regular meeting in March for leaders, speakers, hearers; for the far reaching influence of this Congress?

WHY—not help? By attending and commending it to others.

WATCH—your magazines for further details.

AN UNSELFISH AMBITION

[WE print the following letter received by a member of the Philadelphia Board, *not as an appeal*, but because of the interest of its spontaneous and *naive* expression. It was forwarded by Miss Francine E. Porter, who is working at Fukakusa, a suburb of Kyoto. She says that the young man who wrote the letter to be sent to the United States is praying very earnestly for the establishment of the kindergarten, which he thinks would prove to be a valuable evangelistic agency.—EDITOR.]

On the establishment of a Children Garden: Fukakusa is the suburb of Kyoto. There is the sixteenth divisional headquarters and many military buildings. It is now estimated over fifteen thousand peoples, having a primary school including over twelve hundred peoples there. Now the village authority is in crisis about the educational financy. Altho we insist upon the establishment of the Children Garden it is very difficult problem. The children who want to go to a Children Garden must go to the neighboring town, a pretty miles away. Isn't it pityful for the children about 3–6 years old?

Miss Porter came last year to my village and is teaching the girls and boys in Fukakusa Sunday-school. The villagers can hear the Gospel of God and thanking for the love of Christ.

I am prayering always for the establishment of a Children Garden *by God* before the village authority do it *by men*. Our nation want God (rather) than man.

I think it is most important opinion my village and many villagers declared to help us. I believe now about a thousand *yen* will be given by our villagers, but it is not yet. I confessed the matter to Miss Porter to be helped. God bless our holy ambitions! *Shataro Takaji, a student of Doshisha University.*

GRANDMA

[THE feet may not be all right in these little verses by our girlie, but the head and the heart are all right! When you think that she is the only foreign child in this city of 120,000 people, and has no playmates unless she takes the train to Hiroshima, who is there that can not appreciate the pathos of the missionary child? We send this on, hoping it will awake some soul to greater zeal. This is really vicarious suffering, even though these little ones do not realize it as they play quietly and happily, many times with only native servants about them, father away, and mother teaching her women.—*O. F. and H. B.*]

KURE.

You're just the sweetest Grandma
That's in the world, I know,
And I am writing all of this
Just to tell you so.

Though we're far from each other,
Away across the sea,
I send letters on to you,
And you send them on to me.

At every happy Christmas time,
The presents you send, Oh!
Oh, Grandma dear, they're lovely,
Far lovelier than you know.

On every other holiday,
Easter day and such,
You send a card so beautiful.
Oh, how I thank you much!

You're just the sweetest Grandma,
That's in the world, I know,
And I am writing all of this
Just to tell you so.

Frances Adaline Brokaw—Age, ten years.

WOMAN, THROUGH A TURK'S EYES

THE REV. DR. HENRY OTIS DWIGHT was talking with Yusuf Bey, a learned Turk, who thus voiced the sentiments of Mohammedanism and its teachings with respect to women:

"They say," said Yusuf Bey, "that European women have mind."

"Yes, our women have mind, and sometimes a good deal of it."

"All right. But in this country women have no mind. And until I see it, I cannot believe that in any country they have more than an old hen. Every young man expects that he at least will find a woman who has sense; but in the end he has to sit, like the cat of a cook-shop, and satisfy himself with expecting."

We now overtook a herd of buffaloes driven by a stalwart Turk and his two wives. The horny-handed, hard-featured women were fulfilling the object for which they were created by bearing on their backs the household goods of the trio.

"There!" said the bey. "Look at the faces of those women and tell me if they have anything which can be called mind!"

"Perhaps they would have been different if they had been born after the Sultan began to open schools for your girls."

"You know nothing about women, you who live where the people are few and where women have at least been taught conscience. In great countries like this, where many women get into every house, they are the curse of life! May they get their deserts!"

—Quoted by The Woman's Missionary Record.

The Board has issued for use in Sunday-schools an Easter Service entitled *The Living Christ*. The material consists of a programme of music and Scripture, a supplement containing recitations and exercises and a coin envelope for the offering. All are appropriate to the theme. These supplies are furnished free of charge to Presbyterian Sunday-schools, if the Easter Offering is sent to the Foreign Board. Sample packet sent on request to Rev. George H. Trull, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

The Tourist Guide is a practical preventive of aimless and unintelligent globe-trotting! In a compact and beautifully illustrated pamphlet it gives full information about missionary institutions and religious services held in English in the chief cities of Latin America. The fact that it is prepared by the interdenominational committee on the religious needs of Anglo-American communities abroad, of which Dr. Robert E. Speer is chairman, is a guarantee of its authoritative thoroughness and accuracy. The booklet is intended for free distribution to those who wish to use it, but the committee welcomes and depends upon voluntary contributions to its work, which may be sent to its headquarters, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Every editor of a missionary magazine will look with envy upon the superb illustrations of the new magazine, *World Outlook*. We know of no periodical which offers anything comparable to them except it may be *The Geographic Magazine*, and the large size of the *Outlook* page, 10½ x 8¼, enables it to outstrip even that in pictorial brilliancy. With the resources of an artistic character which our missionaries see on every field, missionary magazines ought to have magnificent illustrations, but they can rarely afford either to get them or to produce them. The initial, January, number of *World Outlook* tells mainly of North Africa; February will treat of Panama and South America. The articles are on the same high plane as the illustrations. The symposium on *Is World Federation Practicable?*, the articles by Bishop Hartzell on *The Eighth Person*, by Dr. Chas. E. Jefferson on *The Cementing Power of Missions*, are of compelling interest. The magazine is published by the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, but is undenominational in character, aiming to be "a journal of the future," illuminating missions by the light of world events. The price is $1.50 a year.

NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS

From Philadelphia

Send all letters to 501 Witherspoon Building. Directors' meeting first Tuesday of each month at 10.30. Prayer-meeting, third Tuesday at 11. Visitors welcome at both meetings.

Prayer-meeting, March 16. Topics: *Our Presbyterial Societies, Japan.*

Treasurer's books at headquarters close March 15; all later payments will be counted in the following year. This simple announcement reminds us of the momentous value of these last few days. $225,000 our aim in regular contributions, cheering receipts throughout the year, but a great sum yet to be received before presbyterial books close and totals reach our treasurer by March 15. No delay, no withholding of balances, a full, even a "sacrificial offering," should be ours now.

No Biennial this year, hence the added and first importance of our annual presbyterial meetings.

Miss Cameron, Superintendent of the Chinese Rescue Home, San Francisco, thrilled our hearts at Directors' meeting with her story of the rescue of the little Chinese slave-girls, their Christian training in the school and their Christian homes, the extent of the work being limited only by lack of Home accommodations.

January 19 brought Miss Hodge back to give the waiting audience, at the prayer-meeting, stirring reports from the New York Interdenominational Conferences just closed—so broad-minded, practical, profoundly impressive, as to give a new sense of the smallness and the importance of each member gathered there and of those working with them in all the world. Rev. Henry White of North Siam led in prayer, and Rev. Dr. J. Walter Lowrie spoke for China — great, conservative, literary and now teachable, inquiring China. Our map needs new railways, our plans new enlargement, our faith a new grip on the promises that every province of China may hear and know of the only Saviour. This can be done by simple reduplication—one Christian winning one more—in forty years, fifty millions. In these days of vision when war proves how few know the Lord Jesus and are governed by His love, when the oldest nations are awakening to His call, when education for women, even in India, is being asked for and granted, we must follow fast where the Holy Spirit leads.

Among our welcome visitors were Miss Lowrie of Huntingdon Presbytery and Mrs. Winsborough of Georgia, who brought an earnest message from seventy thousand of our sisters of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The Interdenominational meetings of the week of prayer were largely attended and many missionaries were present, Mrs. W. J. Drummond and Miss Grace Lucas, China; Mrs. W. S. Vanneman, Persia, and Mrs. J. A. Graham, Philippines, represented our society.

Again we press the claims of the *Yearbook of Prayer* for daily faithful use. There is nothing to take its place, yet your orders fall short of last year.

The secretary for missionary education has sent the mid-winter circulars to twelve hundred leaders of study classes with an enrolment blank, a list of helps for the study of *The Child in the Midst* and a leaflet on mid-winter mission study containing suggestions and list of other study books. Send for packet and start a class or join one already started.

Leaflets for the Month: *Mrs. Winn of Japan and Manchuria*, 5 cts.; *Through North Japan on Runners; A Theatre Meeting in Mombetsu; Wonder Stories; Schools and Colleges*, each 3 cts.; *Japan's Attitude to Christianity; Home Life*, each 2 cts.

New Leaflets: *A Manual for Leaders of Light Bearers*, 5 cts.

From Chicago

Meetings at Room 48, 509 South Wabash Ave., every Friday at 10 A. M. Visitors welcome.

Our annual meeting, the forty-fourth, will be held this year in the House of Hope Presbyterian Church of St. Paul, Minn. We are planning to have simultaneous meetings on Tuesday evening and probably Wednesday morning in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

No pains are being spared to make the meetings

the largest and best we have ever had. Entertainment is offered by our most hospitable friends there, not only for delegates but for others whom we hope to have come and receive inspiration. Come if you can, whether you are a delegate or not.

The dates are April 20, 21, 22. Westminster Guild has the whole of Tuesday afternoon. We expect Mr. Millikin, our Mission Study Secretary, from the Assembly's Board, to conduct a series of classes. The war has kept in this country some of our best missionary speakers and we shall have them. All those wishing entertainment should send their names and addresses not later than April 1st, to Miss Maribel Otis, 43 Hamline Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

IN DECEMBER the angel of death called to the higher life two of our Board members, Mrs. A. L. Ashley and Mrs. L. K. Stevens. Mrs. Ashley came on our Board in 1890, and for several years was most successful in the work for young women's societies. Ill health has kept her from active service for some time. Mrs. Stevens held the foreign secretaryship for China from 1890 to 1901. She had been a manager for two years before she became foreign secretary. I believe only five remain of our missionaries in China who were there when Mrs. Stevens undertook the correspondence, Mrs. Matcer, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Lingle.

OUR new honorary membership certificates are out and they are so beautiful I am sure many of our women will this year pay the one hundred dollars which will make her or a friend an Honorary Life Member of the Board.

WATCH your letters from our office! Aren't they fine copies? They are done on our new mimeograph, a present from a good and generous friend who does not want her name known.

BE sure to study your new report blanks *carefully*, fill them in *carefully* and mail them promptly.

Gleanings from Japan Reports, 1913-'14; *Through North Japan on Runners*, each 2 cts.; *Mrs. Winn of Japan and Manchuria*, 5 cts.; *A Theatre Meeting in Mombetsu; A Quartette of Dark-Eyed Babies*, each 3 cts.; *Missionary Work—Influence on My Life; New Faces and Forces in Japan*, each 1 ct.; Missionary Postcards, Japan, 5 cts. each.

From New York

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., cor. 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month, at 10.30 A. M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and reading of missionary letters, commencing at same hour.

THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 28 and 29, in the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Ky. The chairman of the Hospitality Committee is Miss Anna W. Barr, 127 W. Ormsby Ave., Louisville, Ky., to whom delegates and missionaries attending this meeting will kindly send their applications for entertainment. She will also attend to securing board for those who desire it, in hotels or boarding houses. Miss M. G. Janeway, 981 Park Ave., N. Y., is chairman of the Credential Committee. As this is the first annual meeting to be held in Kentucky, it is earnestly desired that delegates should make a special effort to be present, and all women interested in the work will be welcome at the meetings.

THE usual letter to presbyterial treasurers with regard to the closing of our fiscal year was sent in January accompanied by the slip for distribution among the local treasurers, reminding them of the dates at which their money must be received. This year another slip was sent relating to the duties of retiring, new and veteran treasurers, which is commended to the attention of all such in the hope that their successors will not have occasion to say "my predecessor gave me no books or records."

MESSAGES of hope and cheer marked the monthly prayer-meeting of the Board.

Miss Cameron, of the Rescue Home in San Francisco, told of the marvelous change that comes to the Chinese girls who are rescued and gave a cordial invitation to all who expect to visit San Francisco this year to call and see the Home. From Miss Dickie came word of the glorious opportunity in China just now. Mrs. Merle-Smith and Mr. Speer brought helpful and encouraging messages.

We had an opportunity to greet Miss Esteb, already on the way to succeed Miss Forsyth as a trained nurse at Seoul, Korea.

OWING to various complications which have arisen, the missionary exhibit which it was proposed should be given at the Panama Pacific Exposition has been called off. But there will be a missionary conference, June 6-13, to which every one is invited.

THOSE who are interested in the Light Bearers and Little Light Bearers will be pleased to learn that the manual concerning their organization and methods of work is now ready. We are sending to each presbyterial secretary sufficient copies for her leaders, her president and for herself and are hoping that in this way we may meet the need where it is greatest. It is to be hoped that new leaders will come to the front and join the ranks, which always need recruits.

SUGGESTIONS *for Leaders of the Monthly Christian Endeavor Meetings*, for 1915, is based on the topics of the U. S. C. E. and the regular missionary topics of the Presbyterian Boards. This leaflet is full of ideas and methods of carrying on missionary meetings in bright and interesting ways. Not only the C. E.'s but all who have charge of missionary meetings will find the suggestions helpful in getting or keeping out of ruts. Price five cents.

LEAFLETS ON JAPAN: *Mrs. Winn of Japan and Manchuria*, 5 cts.; *Evangelization in Japan; Gleanings from the Japan Report; Through North Japan on Runners; Home Life*, each 2 cts.; *Mission Work and its Influence on my Life*, by Tsuchi Hironaka, 1 ct.

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From St. Louis

Meetings first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10.30 A. M., Room 707, 816 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Visitors always cordially welcome. Missionary literature for sale at the above number.

LETTERS of commendation, letters of criticism, letters from returned missionaries, letters from outgoing missionaries—all these and more were to be found in the Board's mail-bag at the beginning of the new year. Perhaps most gratifying of all, were those voluntarily written the Board to thank them for the "loan" of Mrs. Lindsay, the field secretary. Not only from such letters, but from the inspired talks we had from Mrs. Lindsay herself, on her return, we were made to realize more than ever before what an

instrument she has heen for doing the work in our field.

ANENT the Literature Department—and this should hring joy to all the secretaries—Mrs. Lindsay reported 700 or 800 subscriptions to the various periodicals, secured on this last trip. *Isn't* that encouraging, when people insist on talking about a "dull year?" While on this subject of literature, may I quote a catchy phrase culled from one of the synodical meetings? The secretary there spoke of "Our Commissary Department," just as though the societies must obtain their food, their sustenance, from and through our literature.

THE Board received an enthusiastic letter from Miss Jane Thompson, *en route* to India. Due to European affairs, her prospects were unsettled from Septemher until early in Decemher; hut now at last she has reached her goal.

PERHAPS legacies do not quite come under the legitimate heading of general news; hut this year we feel like offering thanks continuously for the steady contrihutions, showing that the Lord's work *is* progressing; and when the treasurer announces a "windfall" of several hundred dollars we simply have to mention it.

REMEMBER the Biennial meeting in Tulsa, Okla. You truly *can not* afford to miss it, April 20-22 inclusive. The meetings will he so very much worth your while.

From San Francisco

920 Sacramento St. Meeting first Monday of each month at 10.30 and 1.30. Executive meeting every third Monday. Prayer service first and third Monday from 12 till 12.30.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Occidental Board will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 13-15, at 920 Sacramento St., San Francisco.

PRESBYTERIAL societies are requested to hold their annual meetings hefore March 31st, and auxiliary societies to hold theirs early in February. Our treasurer, Mrs. Denniston, will close her books March tenth.

JANUARY meeting was specially interesting: large numbers were present. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Fitch of Shanghai were there, also Miss Wambold, our missionary to Korea. She told us in an animated manner many things full of interest. Dr. and Mrs. Fitch will address our meeting in March by special request.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL RAYMOND have returned to San Francisco to make their residence here. They will be needed during the Exposition. Leading women have large plans for missionary work, and for charitahle and educational efforts in many lines. Los Angeles will miss them.

THE SHARROCKS HOSPITAL is a reality and is reported to look fine. It is of red brick with white casings and green roof. A Bible Institute is being huilt of brick, a gift from Philadelphia women, and it will he convenient for men's and women's classes when in session, for Sabbath-school, women's work, etc.

OUR missionary, Rev. F. E. Hoskins of Beirut, Syria, writes of many difficulties arising out of "this awful war." Later, he speaks hopefully, saying, "that the tide has now turned," adding "we have done all in our power to calm the situation. We have gone forward with the opening of all our schools and kept at our ordinary avocations." Again Mr. Hoskins says: "Money matters have not improved to any great extent and we are hampered in every direction hy the lack of cash;" and adds, "we hope that our great United States will seize her opportunity of breaking away from former false positions and entering into the great business of the world. There have been years in the past when we have never seen the United States flag on any vessel but a warship."

MRS. ARTHUR W. MARCH writes from Nanking, China, that there are about two hundred missionaries of all denominations there besides the language students, also a splendid corps of twenty native teachers, all highly educated and polished in their manners, real gentlemen; some of them high officials in the Government before the revolution. Some of these admit that they are helievers in heart, hut none of them are openly confessed Christians.

LEAFLETS: *A Half Century of Evangelism in Japan*, by Dr. G. W. Fulton, 2 cts.; *Historical Sketch of the Missions in Japan* (new edition revised by Dr. Fulton), 10 cts.; *How Another Stoessel Surrendered*, hy Mrs. G. P. Pierson; *Neesima* (a Hero), 2 cts.; *Okei San*, 2 cts.; *Questions and Answers*, 5 cts.; *Schools and Colleges in Japan*, 3 cts.; *What Christianity has Done for Japanese Women*, 2 cts.; *Wonder Stories*, Japan, 3 cts.

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From Portland, Oregon

Executive meeting at 10 A. M. on first Tuesday each month, and popular meeting on third Tuesday at 2.30 P. M. in First Church. Literature obtained from Miss Abby S. Lamberson, 454 Alder St., Portland.

OUR Board invites missionaries about to pass through our territory, to send due notice to Mrs. F. I. Fuller, 503 Spring Street, Portland.

THE Board *Bulletin* has gone out to you all stating that the Biennial Meeting will be held in Tacoma, Wash., April 28 and 29. We hope every organization contributing through our Board will send delegates. Will not the women's societies interest the Guilds, C. E.'s, Juniors and Bands of their churches to send representatives? Delegates' names for entertainment should be sent as early as possihle to Mrs. C. B. Andrew, 1216 N. Lawrence Street, Tacoma.

HAVE you filled in all the blank reports sent to you by your presbyterial secretaries and forwarded them to said secretaries? If not please hasten to do so, as there is no time to lose before the Board meeting.

LETTERS from our missionaries abroad tell of increased cost of living, delayed mails and supplies, and curtailing of plans for increased work on account of the war, but thus far no serious harm has befallen any, though we have heard nothing from Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Allen of Urumia, Persia, in the region where hostilities between Turkish and Russian troops have heen taking place. Let us especially remember Mr. and Mrs. Allen in our daily prayers and all our fields in Persia.

SOMETIMES sweet messages come in to our Board members from our dear Chinese sisters here at home. Our missionary, Mrs. Ng Mon Po, wife of the pastor of Holt Chinese Presbyterian Church here in Portland, sent her card to our treasurer, writing this message on the back, "Merry Christmas and Happy new year, Wishing Good time. God is love." Another sent this message, "Dear Friend, I'm going to

send you this card with all my best wishes, a bright and Merry Christmas and a happy new year. God will bless us all." These are both dear Christian women.

WE would remind you that at any time an individual or society can place $1.50 in the depository at headquarters and for one year receive each month by mail leaflets on the current topics, foreign and home. Every one will know about the "*current topics*" by taking the magazines.

MRS. C. J. MATHIS, our faithful C. E. secretary, says *there is* an awakening interest in C. E.'s. If Endeavorers knew of the earnest effort and prayers put forth by their secretary they surely would respond in loving effort for her sake and the Master's. "Intimate knowledge of Presbyterian publications for Presbyterian young people is imperative." At headquarters can be obtained *Suggestions for Leaders of the Monthly C. E. Meetings*, 5 cts. each, 40 cts. doz. Literature for Guilds: *Autobiographical Sketches of the Westminster Guild Missionaries*, 10 cts. Literature for Children: *Contrasts in Childhood*, a pageant, 10 cts.; *A Manual for Leaders of Children's Organizations, Light Bearers and Little Light Bearers.*

RECEIPTS TO JANUARY 15, 1915

By totals from Presbyterial Societies

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church

BALTIMORE,	$8.00	HURON,	$202.25	STEUBENVILLE,	$5.62	Mississippi Synodical	
BEAVER,	277.00	KITTANNING,	2.80	UNION,	226.00	Society,	$5.00
BELL,	19.45	LACKAWANNA,	1,540.88	WASHINGTON,	1,220.20	Miscellaneous,	2,150.78
CARLISLE,	938.52	LIMA,	236.25	WOOSTER,	287.88		
CHATTANOOGA,	5.00	MCMINNVILLE,	21.00				
CHILLICOTHE,	87.05	MONMOUTH,	304.00	Receipts from December 15th to January 15th,			
CLARION,	10.00	NEW CASTLE,	631.90	Regular,		$11,473.43	
CLEVELAND,	996.71	NEW HOPE,	25.97	New China Fund,		748.25	$12,221.68
COLUMBIA,	95.91	OXFORD,	17.30	Total receipts since March 15th,			
COOKEVILLE,	6.00	PARKERSBURG,	65.50	Regular,		$99,667.17	
DAYTON,	541.00	PHILADELPHIA,	25.00	New China Fund,		10,917.53	$110,584.70
ERIE,	1,550.15	PHILADELPHIA N.,	7.50	Special Gifts to Missionaries,			117.00
FLORIDA,	25.50	PITTSBURGH,	5.00	War Emergency Fund,			98.85
FRENCH-BROAD,	45.25	PORTSMOUTH,	119.35	No Retreat Fund,			2,100.00
GRAFTON,	136.70	REDSTONE,	10.00				
HUNTINGDON,	5.00	SHENANGO,	354.26				

(Miss) SARAH W. CATTELL, *Treas.*,
501 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest

ADAMS,	$32.79	HELENA,	$22.79	OAKES,	$21.11	ST. CLOUD,	$111.00
ALTON,	69.00	IOWA,	154.55	OTTAWA,	354.00	SIOUX CITY,	5.00
BISMARCK,	60.00	KALAMAZOO,	100.70	PEORIA,	532.00	SIOUX FALLS,	38.00
BLOOMINGTON,	261.35	KALISPELL,	12.00	PEMBINA,	119.25	SPRINGFIELD,	1,147.00
BOULDER,	76.00	KEARNEY,	184.95	PETOSKEY,	41.00	WINNEBAGO,	1,000.00
CAIRO,	67.00	LA CROSSE,	19.00	RED RIVER,	65.50	YELLOWSTONE,	10.00
CENTRAL DAKOTA,	87.00	LANSING,	288.00	RUSHVILLE,	231.50	Miscellaneous,	29.75
CHEYENNE,	35.00	LOGANSPORT,	20.00	SAGINAW,	222.17		
CHICAGO,	3,853.59	MADISON,	8.00				
CORNING,	150.00	MANKATO,	68.50	Total for month, (including China Fund, $1,696.62),			$12,307.67
DETROIT,	1,166.23	MATTOON,	300.12	Total since March 16th, (including Chiua Fund, $12,838.89),			88,996.57
DUBUQUE,	63.70	MINNEAPOLIS,	300.00				
FARGO,	111.30	MINNEWAUKON,	32.50				
FLINT,	71.75	MONROE,	42.50				
FREEPORT,	252.83	MUNCIE,	415.92				
GREAT FALLS,	57.52	NEBRASKA CITY,	55.80				

Mrs. THOS. E. D. BRADLEY, *Treas.*,
Room 48, 509 So. Wabash Ave., Chicago.

Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church

ALBANY,	$405.00	NASSAU,	$44.00	WESTCHESTER,	$114.25	Interest	$1,225.00
BINGHAMTON,	263.70	NEWARK,	494.50	Miscellaneous,	499.00		
BROOKLYN,	426.05	NEWBURYPORT,	55.70				
BUFFALO,	598.35	NEW YORK,	8,461.50	Receipts from December 15th to January 15th,			
CONNECTICUT VALLEY,	150.00	NORTH RIVER,	137.00	Regular,		$12,003.20	
EBENEZER,	104.00	OTSEGO,	204.00	New China Fund,		4,980.50	$16,983.70
GENESEE,	259.55	PRINCETON,	41.00	Total since March 15th,			
HAVANA,	12.50	ROCHESTER,	331.35	Regular,		$76,694.00	
HUDSON,	84.00	ST. LAWRENCE,	190.00	New China Fund,		6,953.53	
LOGAN,	52.80	STEUBEN,	194.00	No Retreat Fund,		10,025.75	
LOUISVILLE,	52.00	TRANSYLVANIA,	119.75	War Emergeucy Fund,		67.00	$93,740.34
LYONS,	53.00	TROY,	610.00				
MORRIS & CRANOE,	407.00	UTICA,	1,334.10				

(Miss) HENRIETTA W. HUBBARD, *Treas.*,
Room 818, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest

ARKANSAS,	$1.35	LITTLE ROCK,	$7.00	Total for January,	$551.60
AUSTIN,	32.00	OZARK,	50.00	Total to date,	19,971.40
CARTHAGE,	55.00	PARIS,	65.50	China Campaign Fund for January,	108.59
EL RENO,	6.50	ST. LOUIS,	275.00	China Campaign Fund to date,	3,717.10
JEFFERSON,	5.25	Miscellaneous,	23.00		
KANSAS CITY,	1.00				

Mrs. WM. BURG, *Treas.*,
Per D. P.

Woman's North Pacific Presbyterian Board of Missions

ALASKA,	$50.00	SEATTLE,	$975.00	Total for quarter, (including New China Fund, $393.40),	$3,448.27
BOISE,	90.15	SOUTHERN OREGON,	85.00		
CENT'L WASHINGTON,	204.75	SPOKANE,	310.62	Total since March 15th, 1914, (including New China Fund, $657.60),	$7,698.40
GRANDE RONDE,	24.00	TWIN FALLS,	11.00		
KENDALL,	24.00	WALLA WALLA,	38.00		
OLYMPIA,	118.00	WENATCHEE,	50.00		
PENDLETON,	35.00	WILLAMETTE,	201.05		
PORTLAND,	1,171.10				

Mrs. JOHN W. GOSS, *Treas.*,
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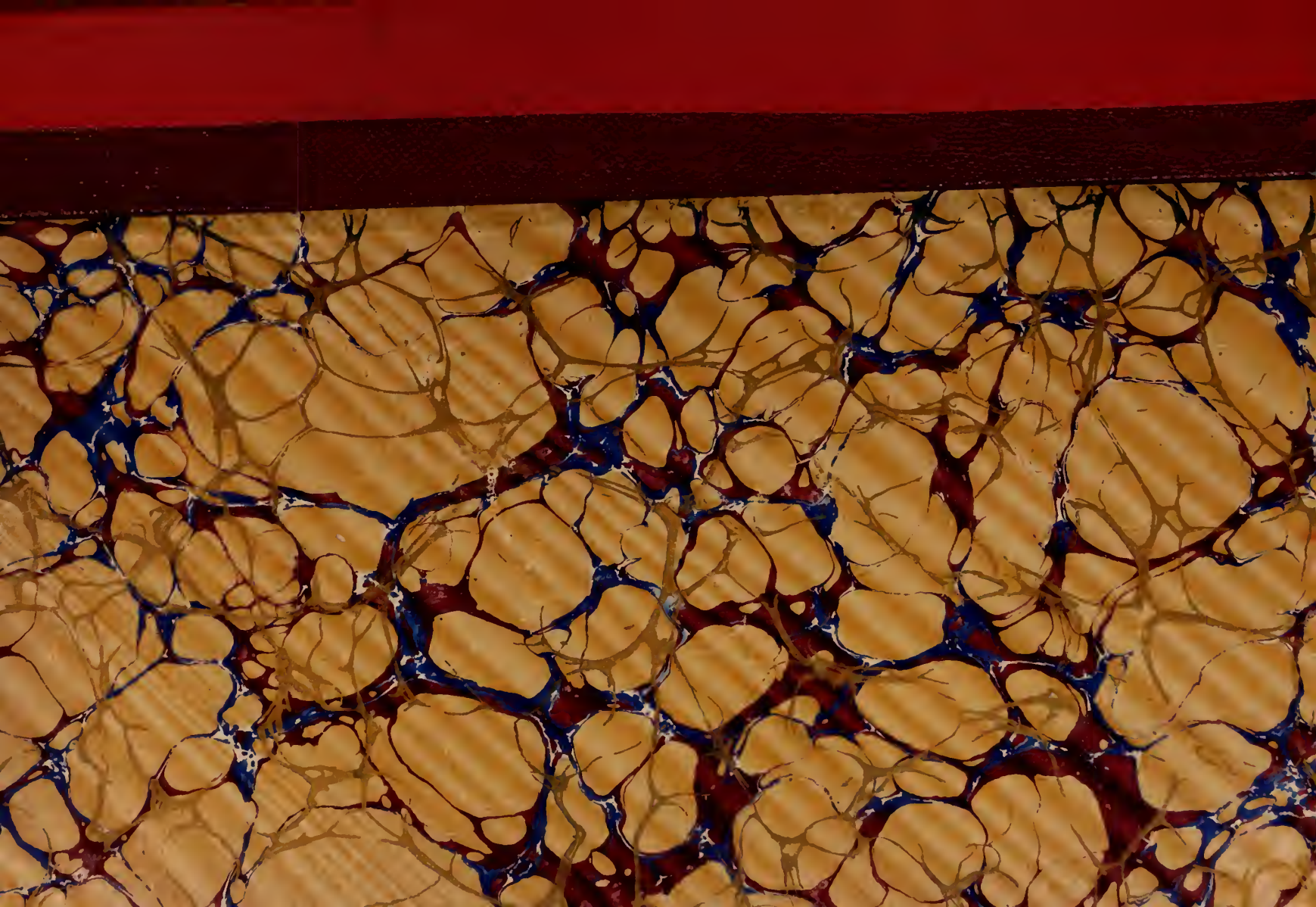
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